

E. PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL 7/9/18 85 N. MARKET ST. 7PM

Acting Mayor Alan Cohen called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Hall, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Todd, and Mr. Walker. Mr. Yokley was on vacation. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. At this point acting Mayor Cohen thanked Margo Zuch for her many years of dedicated service to the Village both as a councilperson and mayor, she will be greatly missed. Mr. Cohen stated since the position of Mayor/President Pro Tem of Council is now vacant (as he is acting Mayor since Margo resigned) we will now accept nominations. Mr. Walker nominated Doug Simpson with a second by Mr. Todd. All in favor. The minutes of the June 11 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Walker seconded by Mr. Hall, all in favor. Mr. Walker made a motion to approve the June department reports seconded by Mr. Hall. All in favor. There were no agenda items, Clerks or Mayors reports.

MANAGER: Monteleone stated the pool passes have exceeded the \$20,000.00 mark at \$20,095.00 which is a record and total receipts for the Park are up to \$57,466.00. He said he gave council an update from Gary Diorio from MS Consultants on the Water & Waste Water Projects.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers noted the latest email regarding receivership for OPECHC, with unanimous opposition to the law firm being appointed by the receiver. Atty Powers stated he raised issue with our counsel (Mark Stem) indicating he felt the firm had way too many conflicts of interest. He said he received an email from counsel for OEPA in regards to them considering the request to suspend the \$10,000.00 fine. He stated we should have an answer shortly.

STREET: Mr. Walker stated in regards to the June water report, the water produced and water billed, that the numbers are much tighter now and he attributed that to the new meters. Mr. Cohen said the loss is down to 23%. Mr. Simpson stated leak detection was and in and the repair a few leaks they didn't previously know about.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEM: Mr. Cohen stated July 4th at the Park was fantastic and went off without a hitch. He said he cannot say enough about the Fire Department and their pyrotechnic team and the job they did for the fireworks, he said it was spectacular. He said the attendance at the pool was great and all of the employees did a great job. In reference to the tennis court project he said they have been resurfaced and the fencing is next. In reference to the Park Pool Mr. Simpson stated last year they were running about 50 to 70 gallons per hour and now it is down to around 18 gallons per hour. Mr. Cohen said there is a liquor license request from Rite Aid, however a letter was just received stating they did not realize the EP Store did not already have a license. Mr. Cohen stated he felt there should be a motion to show councils approval on the project. Mr. Simpson stated he thought there was a law that if an establishment requesting a license within so many feet of a church they had to get the churches approval also. Mr. Cohen stated after this request was signed off on the Village would still get the normal license request at which time objections could still be made if need be. Mr. Walker made a motion to allow Rite Aid to move forward in the liquor license application process, the motion was seconded by Mr. Simpson. All in favor.

DEVELOPMENT: NO REPORT

UTILITY: NO REPORT

FINANCE: NO REPORT

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Rick & Karen Gorby, Amy Creaturo-Moore, Officer Brian Moore, Officer John Calko, John Davis, Chief Jim Brown, Jerod & Heather Berger and Katie White.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 9-2018 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019.** Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 9-2018. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Hall-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Todd-y, Mr. Walker-y. 5 yes to pass. Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 10-2018 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read in its entirety, seconded by Mr. Cohen. An ordinance amending Section 242.05 of the Codified Ordinances of The Municipality of Ohio. Whereas pursuant to section 242.05 of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio to an auxiliary police force has been established and Whereas pursuant to section 242.05 a of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio the auxiliary police force is limited to a maximum of ten auxiliary officers and Whereas due to the ongoing lack of adequate funding to hire and retain additional full and part time police officers, it is necessary to utilize auxiliary officers on an ongoing and regular basis to provide adequate manpower to provide for the safety and security of the citizens of the Municipality, visitors, and member s of the public safety forces of the Municipality. Now Therefore be it ordained by the Council of the Municipality of East Palestine, Ohio that section 242.05 a of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio shall be amended to read as follows: Section 1, 242.05 Auxiliary Police Unit (a) There is hereby created within the Department of Public Service an Auxiliary Police Unit, to be appointed by the Manager. Section 2, All other provisions of Section 242.05 of the Codified Ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio, not specifically amended hereby, shall remain in full force and effect.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Simpson. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

ALAN COHEN ACTING MAYOR